

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 21 June 2004
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Rhythmethod
 Title of Publication: Steve-O: Out On Bail
 Other Known Title(s): Steve-O Vol. 3: "Out On Bail"
 The Steve-O Video Vol III: Out On Bail
 Director(s): Nick Dunlap
 Producer(s): Nick Dunlap
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author(s): Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language(s): English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Movie
 Select Scene
 Extra Poo

Feature: Steve-O: Out On Bail Running Time: 91.56

Other Timed
 Components: Hotel Trashing (x4) Running Time: 10.35
 Dunn / Liddle Punchout 1.52
 BB Gun 0.57
 UK Wedgie 1.30
 Making Of The Video 5.14

Other
 Components: Ryan Simonetti

Total Running Time: 112.04

Excision/Alteration: Excisions Recommended But Not Made.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Excisions are required in order to remove sequences that trivialise extremely dangerous behaviour and show members of the public treated in a contemptuous and exploitative manner for the amusement of viewers.

Classification Decision:

The part or parts of the film for excision have not been excised from the publication. Therefore, the film is classified as **Objectionable**.

If the part or parts of the film specified are excised from the film the publication is classified as **Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.**

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD *Steve-O: Out On Bail* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication consists of a feature and several short items made up of handi-cam footage of the on-stage and off-stage antics of a group of men during a tour of Europe and the US. Some of the participants, including Steve-O, have also been associated with the *Jackass* television series. The material is designed to both amuse and revolt its audience. Most of the footage shows the group performing risky or self-destructive stunts, or behaving in a manner that is deliberately offensive and degrading. The participants often appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and some of the stunts involve criminal activity.

Parts of the material depict high-risk activities in a manner that gives them the appearance of harmless fun, with no indication of the risks involved. Several of the scenes in question show the deliberate application of neck holds producing temporary unconsciousness, while a further scene shows a group member setting fire to a woman's hair. The likelihood of a fatality or extreme injury from any emulation of these activities makes the availability of the publication to an audience of any age likely to be injurious to the public good. If the material described were to be excised, restriction of the availability of the DVD to an adult audience would be appropriate, given the nature of the remainder of its content.

The distributor agreed to the proposed excisions in March 2004. However, they were unable to perform the excisions as requested.

The criteria used by the Classification Office to limit the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. The likelihood of injury to the public good resulting from the availability of the DVD in its present form is high, and the recommendation of excisions is the minimum limitation on availability that could be offered to mitigate the potential for harm. For this reason, the Classification Office is of the view that the decision is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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